(c) whether any committee has been constituted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details and the terms of reference given to the committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Government is in the process of formulating a long term fertilizer policy aiming at phased decontrol of fertilizer sector. The proposed long term policy will also dwell on issues such as joint ventures, creation of new capacity, removal of distribution controls on urea, balanced nutrient application, eco-friendly fertilizer use etc. A draft outline of the policy was prepared and circulated among concerned stakeholders such as fertilizer industry, farmers, State Governments, economists etc. to invite their views and suggestions. The draft policy has also been discussed in seminars/workshops held in different parts of the country. The draft policy has evoked very meaningful debate and the Department of Fertilizers has received a number of suggestions/comments on the proposals made in the draft policy paper.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. A Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Fertilizers) to examine the views and suggestions received in response to draft long term fertilizer policy.

Restructuring scheme for IDPL

644. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any revival/restructuring scheme has been approved by Government for IDPL and its subsidiary, UPDPL;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the relief and concessions extended by Government, Banks and other agencies would form a guideline for revival of other sick CPSUs in pharmaceutical sector; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Both IDPL and UPDPL are sick companies under reference to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). A revival/restructuring scheme has to be accordingly framed and approved by the BIFR. In the case of IDPL, a communication has been sent to the Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction intimating the concessions/facilities for cleaning up the balance sheet of IDPL that the Government intends to provide to facilitate its privatisation through the induction of strategic partners.

(c) and (d) Relief/concessions to be extended for the revival of sick PSUs are decided taking into account the relevant factors in each case.

Prices of chemical fertilizers in international market

†645. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that international prices of chemical fertilizers are less than the prices in India;

(b) if so, what were prices of all the chemical fertilizers in the international market during the first six months of 1999-2000 and 2000-01; and

(c) to what extent these prices were more or less than the prices of chemical fertilizers sold to farmers in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Out of the major chemical fertilizers used for

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.